

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.

June 17, 1891.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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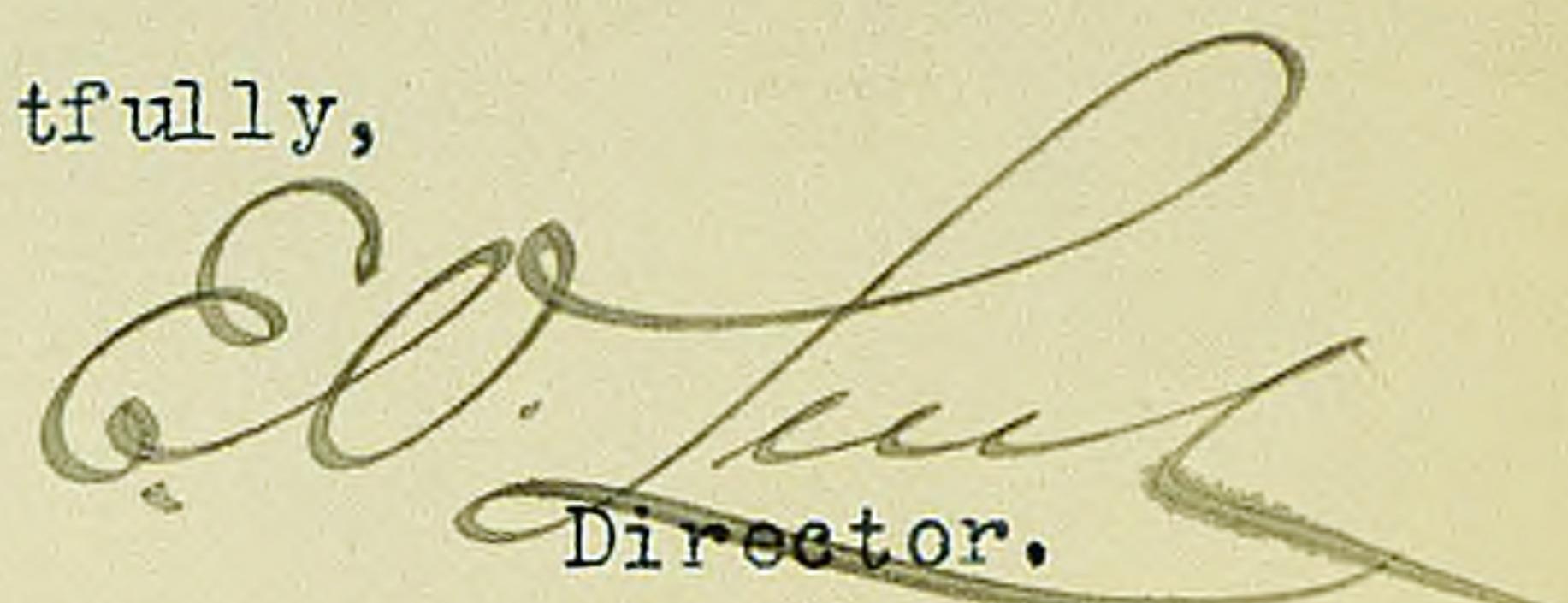
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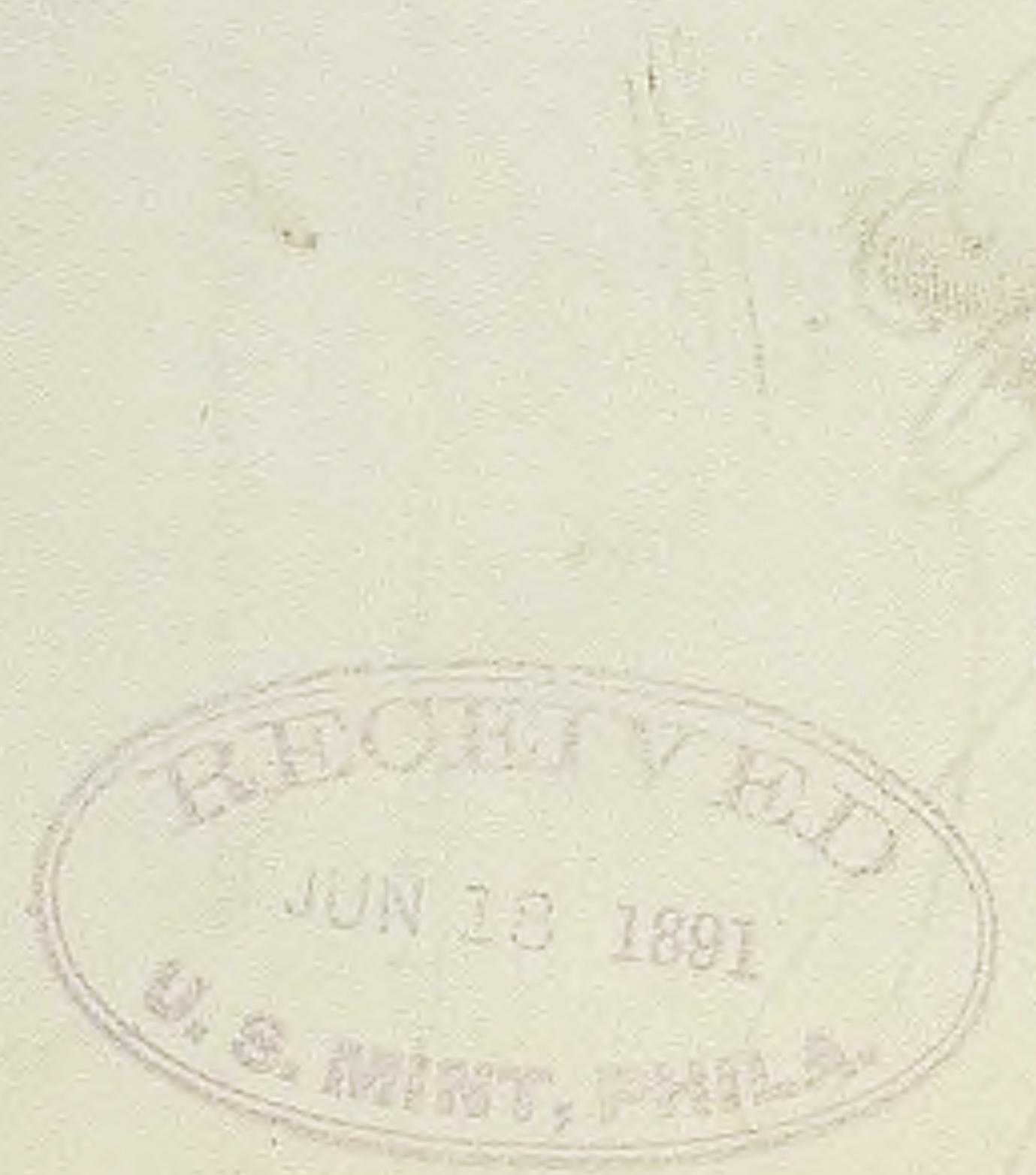


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